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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,682,500 in June. May's revised estimate was 1,678,600 and the year-ago figure was 1,648,200.

Goods producing employment increased to a level of 338,100 from 336,500 in May and 329,500 in June, 1993. Mining was up in the oil and gas extraction sector. Construction exhibited growth in all sectors. The food and kindred products segment served as the major source for the boost in manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment soared to a level of 1,344,400. More business in the transportation sector was mainly responsible for the increase in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry. Trade employment displayed a substantial gain in the wholesale and retail sectors. The eating and drinking places, food stores, and general merchandise segments of retail trade made up the majority of the gain. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment climbed slightly in all sectors. Services employment was lower primarily due to a seasonal decline in educational services. The hiring of summer youths at the local level expanded government payrolls.

Louisiana's 135,800 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $573.33 in June, compared to $571.60 a month ago and $538.87 in June of last year. Average hourly earnings displayed a two cents decrease from May, but an increase of $0.44 from a year ago. Average weekly hours for June were 43.9. This was an increase of 0.2 hours from May and 1.2 hours from the year-ago figure.

The June preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.6 percent, a decrease from the May revised rate of 7.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for June remained the same as the May rate of 6.0 percent. Total unemployment for June decreased to 145,800. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,917,000 with a decrease in total employment to 1,771,200.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,682.5	1,678.6	1,648.2	+ 3.9	+34.3
GOODS PRODUCING	338.1	336.5	329.5	+ 1.6	+ 8.6
MINING	46.1	46.0	45.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	44.2	44.1	44.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	105.7	104.7	98.5	+ 1.0	+ 7.2
General Contractors	18.6	18.2	16.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	41.1	40.8	39.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Special Trade Contractors	46.0	45.7	42.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
MANUFACTURING	186.3	185.8	185.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Durable Goods	79.4	79.4	77.9	0	+ 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	13.3	13.2	13.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	13.1	13.7	- 0.3	- 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.9	12.8	13.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.6	19.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	106.9	106.4	107.2	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	22.3	21.7	21.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	10.5	10.9	11.4	- 0.4	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	11.6	11.6	12.0	0	- 0.4
Printing & Publishing	9.5	9.5	9.5	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.6	30.4	30.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
Organic Chemicals	10.6	10.5	10.6	+ 0.1	0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.6	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	9.8	9.7	9.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,344.4	1,342.1	1,318.7	+ 2.3	+25.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	107.6	106.9	105.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	65.0	64.4	62.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Water Transportation	22.6	22.5	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Communications & Public Util.	37.8	37.7	38.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	15.9	15.9	15.9	0	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	21.9	21.8	22.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	391.2	388.0	384.4	+ 3.2	+ 6.8
Wholesale Trade	87.5	86.9	86.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.7	47.4	46.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.8	39.5	39.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	303.7	301.1	298.2	+ 2.6	+ 5.5
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	11.8	11.7	11.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	41.2	40.7	39.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Food Stores	59.6	58.7	58.9	+ 0.9	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	34.4	34.3	33.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Apparel and Accessory	15.4	15.4	15.3	0	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	99.7	99.1	98.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Other Retail Trade	31.0	30.6	30.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.4	78.8	78.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Banking	28.3	28.0	27.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.9	26.7	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
SERVICES	424.4	424.5	408.3	- 0.1	+16.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	22.4	21.4	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Personal Services	14.4	14.3	14.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Business Services	70.0	70.1	66.4	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	12.6	12.5	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	21.0	18.0	15.6	+ 3.0	+ 5.4
Health Services	145.2	144.2	140.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
Hospitals	61.2	60.7	59.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Legal Services	16.6	16.5	16.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Educational Services	22.0	27.4	21.8	- 5.4	+ 0.2
Social Services	26.4	26.2	25.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Membership Organizations	26.9	26.6	27.1	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.9	28.3	27.9	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	6.3	6.5	6.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	341.8	343.9	342.5	- 2.1	- 0.7
Federal	37.0	37.1	37.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	304.8	306.8	305.3	- 2.0	- 0.5
State	101.7	106.1	101.7	- 4.4	0
Local	203.1	200.7	203.6	+ 2.4	- 0.5

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June '94*	May '94**	June '93**	June '94*	May '94**	June '93**	June '94*	May '94**	June '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$573.33	$571.60	$538.87	43.9	43.7	42.7	$13.06	$13.08	$12.62
Durable Goods	527.74	525.70	484.34	44.8	44.4	43.4	11.78	11.84	11.16
Lumber & Wood Products	413.81	409.77	411.32	44.4	43.5	45.3	9.32	9.42	9.08
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	454.97	456.68	482.24	42.6	42.8	43.8	10.68	10.67	11.01
Fabricated Metal Products	445.17	442.88	440.37	42.6	42.3	42.1	10.45	10.47	10.46
Machinery, ex. Electrical	522.37	511.49	490.20	44.8	44.4	43.0	11.66	11.52	11.40
Electric & Electronic Equip.	969.22	964.18	787.83	51.2	49.7	46.7	18.93	19.40	16.87
Transportation Equipment	594.23	592.47	498.95	46.1	45.4	41.1	12.89	13.05	12.14
Nondurable Goods	610.85	609.43	581.40	43.2	43.1	42.1	14.14	14.14	13.81
Food & Kindred Products	347.32	354.60	301.07	41.2	40.9	37.4	8.43	8.67	8.05
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	256.68	264.80	222.67	37.2	38.1	34.1	6.90	6.95	6.53
Paper & Allied Products	660.73	691.73	631.33	42.6	45.3	42.6	15.51	15.27	14.82
Printing & Publishing	482.36	476.37	453.18	40.5	39.5	38.7	11.91	12.06	11.71
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	911.27	903.10	874.18	46.9	46.1	47.1	19.43	19.59	18.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	949.53	918.90	964.89	46.5	45.4	48.1	20.42	20.24	20.06
Petroleum Refining	965.33	934.37	994.25	46.1	44.9	48.5	20.94	20.81	20.50
MINING	644.21	654.31	653.43	49.9	50.1	48.8	12.91	13.06	13.39
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	621.81	631.33	564.81	42.3	42.6	40.2	14.70	14.82	14.05
BANKING	335.59	343.18	312.99	37.0	37.1	36.1	9.07	9.25	8.67

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **135,800** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **83,200** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June '94*	May '94**	June '93**	June '94*	May '94**	June '93**	June '94*	May '94**	June '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$659.62	$679.04	$649.88	43.0	43.5	44.3	$15.34	$15.61	$14.67
Petro-Chemicals	906.29	951.22	898.67	46.5	47.8	47.7	19.49	19.90	18.84

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$600.76	$579.46	$547.87	44.9	43.7	41.6	$13.38	$13.26	$13.17
Durable Goods	508.73	478.76	435.89	45.1	42.9	40.1	11.28	11.16	10.87
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	474.14	475.20	502.78	43.3	43.2	46.0	10.95	11.00	10.93
Fabricated Metal Products	427.60	415.01	418.59	40.0	39.6	41.2	10.69	10.48	10.16
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	483.82	457.36	375.98	45.6	43.6	37.3	10.61	10.49	10.08
Nondurable Goods	679.26	666.89	638.78	44.6	44.4	42.9	15.23	15.02	14.89
Food & Kindred Products	438.57	451.73	335.21	44.3	43.9	35.1	9.90	10.29	9.55
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	182.04	193.09	176.64	33.9	35.3	32.0	5.37	5.47	5.52
Printing & Publishing	492.42	512.67	458.27	43.5	43.3	41.1	11.32	11.84	11.15
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	958.39	930.70	966.46	47.8	47.1	50.6	20.05	19.76	19.10

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$590.02	$604.28	$520.29	43.9	44.4	41.0	$13.44	$13.61	$12.69
Lumber and Wood Products	378.85	342.44	373.76	48.2	44.3	46.2	7.86	7.73	8.09
Food and Kindred Products	318.38	295.63	291.07	29.7	27.5	27.8	10.72	10.75	10.47
Printing and Publishing	406.83	403.65	382.52	40.4	39.0	38.1	10.07	10.35	10.04
Chemicals & Allied Products	656.60	650.07	655.80	46.9	46.6	45.7	14.00	13.95	14.35

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUN., 1994 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	REVISED MAY, 1994 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	REVISED JUN., 1993 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1917.0	1771.2	145.8	7.6	1937.0	1783.1	153.9	7.9	1871.0	1736.6	134.4	7.2
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	1975.5	1804.9	170.6	8.6	1929.2	1786.5	142.7	7.4	1929.4	1770.4	159.0	8.2

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS	EMPLOYED PREL JUN '94	EMPLOYED REV MAY '94	EMPLOYED REV JUN '93	UNEMPLOYED PREL JUN '94	UNEMPLOYED REV MAY '94	UNEMPLOYED REV JUN '93	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PREL JUN '94	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REV MAY '94	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REV JUN '93
ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES)	53.9	53.2	52.4	4.7	3.7	4.2	8.0	6.6	7.3
BATON ROUGE	259.1	255.4	255.7	23.6	19.4	20.6	8.3	7.1	7.5
ASCENSION	26.5	26.1	26.2	3.2	2.8	2.4	10.6	9.6	8.5
EAST BATON ROUGE	191.4	188.6	188.8	14.8	11.7	13.6	7.2	5.9	6.7
LIVINGSTON	32.4	32.0	32.0	4.5	4.0	3.7	12.2	11.1	10.4
WEST BATON ROUGE	8.8	8.7	8.7	1.1	0.9	0.9	11.2	9.2	9.0
HOUMA	74.2	73.8	72.1	6.1	5.1	5.9	7.6	6.5	7.5
LAFOURCHE	35.0	34.8	34.0	3.1	2.4	2.9	8.1	6.5	7.8
TERREBONNE	39.2	39.0	38.1	3.0	2.7	3.0	7.1	6.5	7.2
LAFAYETTE	148.0	147.4	144.9	12.6	10.8	12.5	7.9	6.8	8.0
ACADIA	20.5	20.4	20.1	2.1	1.6	2.3	9.1	7.4	10.3
LAFAYETTE	81.9	81.6	80.2	5.2	4.6	5.1	5.9	5.3	6.0
ST LANDRY	27.5	27.4	26.9	3.5	3.1	3.6	11.4	10.0	11.7
ST MARTIN	18.1	18.0	17.7	1.8	1.5	1.5	9.3	7.9	8.0
LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU)	75.5	74.3	73.8	7.3	6.4	7.1	8.8	7.9	8.8
MONROE (OUACHITA)	62.1	61.9	60.8	5.6	4.4	5.3	8.3	6.6	8.0
NEW ORLEANS	555.9	550.9	552.4	48.9	40.8	46.7	8.1	6.9	7.8
JEFFERSON	217.4	215.4	216.0	16.2	13.8	15.4	6.9	6.0	6.7
ORLEANS	188.1	186.4	186.9	18.2	14.6	16.9	8.8	7.3	8.3
PLAQUEMINES	9.6	9.5	9.5	1.0	0.9	0.9	9.2	9.0	8.6
ST BERNARD	28.7	28.5	28.6	2.8	2.3	2.6	8.9	7.6	8.3
ST CHARLES	19.1	18.9	19.0	1.9	1.7	1.9	9.1	8.0	8.9
ST JAMES	7.7	7.7	7.7	1.4	1.2	1.3	15.8	13.7	13.9
ST JOHN	16.8	16.7	16.7	2.1	1.8	2.5	10.9	9.8	12.9
ST TAMMANY	68.5	67.8	68.0	5.3	4.5	5.2	7.1	6.2	7.1
SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY	166.3	162.9	160.8	14.6	12.3	13.5	8.1	7.0	7.7
BOSSIER	39.5	38.7	38.2	3.0	2.4	2.9	7.0	5.9	7.1
CADDO	110.1	107.8	106.4	9.0	7.7	8.5	7.6	6.7	7.4
WEBSTER	16.7	16.4	16.2	2.6	2.2	2.1	13.4	11.7	11.5

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

PARISH	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	PREL JUN '94	REV MAY '94	REV JUN '93	PREL JUN '94	REV MAY '94	REV JUN '93	PREL JUN '94	REV MAY '94	REV JUN '93
ALLEN	7975	7825	7725	1000	875	1100	11.2	10.0	12.4
ASSUMPTION	8525	8400	8225	1100	925	1000	11.4	9.9	10.8
AVOYELLES	14475	13450	13125	1825	1675	1650	11.1	11.1	11.2
BEAUREGARD	11950	11875	11700	1350	1250	1275	10.1	9.6	9.8
BIENVILLE	5850	5825	5700	625	500	550	9.6	8.0	8.7
CALDWELL	4025	4050	3975	550	400	400	11.9	9.0	9.4
CAMERON	3625	3625	3500	275	225	250	7.1	6.0	6.5
CATAHOULA	5200	5200	4875	625	575	525	10.9	9.8	9.7
CLAIBORNE	5225	5225	5250	600	500	500	10.3	8.7	8.5
CONCORDIA	7625	7600	7500	1175	1050	1250	13.3	12.1	14.2
DESOTO	9500	9475	9175	1025	825	1075	9.7	7.9	10.5
EAST CARROLL	3200	3275	3050	625	575	650	16.4	15.0	17.4
EAST FELICIANA	7600	7575	7300	700	625	625	8.5	7.6	7.9
EVANGELINE	11625	11650	11150	1050	900	1125	8.3	7.2	9.2
FRANKLIN	9775	9875	9500	1050	950	1150	9.8	8.8	10.9
GRANT	6350	6300	6550	875	775	600	12.2	11.1	8.5
IBERIA	27575	27275	27175	3075	2475	2775	10.0	8.3	9.3
IBERVILLE	12125	12000	11800	1975	1500	1500	14.0	11.2	11.3
JACKSON	6225	6225	5925	550	425	450	8.2	6.3	6.9
JEFFERSON DAVIS	11125	11075	10850	1225	925	1275	9.9	7.6	10.6
LASALLE	5625	5500	5700	600	525	550	9.7	8.6	8.7
LINCOLN	18000	18625	17550	800	725	825	4.3	3.7	4.5
MADISON	4700	4775	4500	675	550	775	12.5	10.2	14.6
MOREHOUSE	12775	12625	12525	1775	1450	1425	12.2	10.3	10.2
NATCHITOCHES	15775	15600	14950	1475	1350	1375	8.6	7.9	8.5
POINTE COUPEE	9175	9100	8875	1400	1075	1075	13.2	10.6	10.8
RED RIVER	3550	3525	3425	425	350	375	10.5	9.0	10.1
RICHLAND	8050	8075	7800	1100	925	1025	12.0	10.4	11.6
SABINE	8750	8725	8550	675	575	700	7.2	6.2	7.7
ST HELENA	3825	3775	3650	400	250	425	9.4	5.9	10.6
ST MARY	22750	22400	21950	2750	2150	2600	10.8	8.7	10.6
TANGIPAHOA	36625	36325	35075	5350	4500	4550	12.8	11.0	11.5
TENSAS	3075	3200	2950	300	300	275	8.9	8.4	8.8
UNION	11075	10950	10575	825	700	800	6.9	6.0	7.1
VERMILION	21175	20800	20200	1800	1500	1925	7.8	6.7	8.7
VERNON	15800	15475	16150	1825	1500	1500	10.3	8.9	8.5
WASHINGTON	15550	15450	14950	1850	1575	1750	10.7	9.2	10.5
WEST CARROLL	4300	4375	4700	1125	1100	875	20.6	19.9	15.8
WEST FELICIANA	3425	3400	3400	350	325	325	9.0	8.5	8.5
WINN	6325	6200	5975	425	425	325	6.2	6.3	5.3

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	50.9	50.6	49.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	7.1	7.1	6.8	0	+ 0.3
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.4	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.8	43.5	42.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.6	2.5	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.1	11.0	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.0	9.1	9.0	- 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
SERVICES	14.6	14.4	14.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Health Services	6.6	6.5	6.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.4	13.3	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.1	11.0	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
State	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
Local	6.2	6.0	5.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,900 for the current month. This estimate was 300 more than May and 1,200 higher than June, 1993.

Goods producing employment remained unchanged from May, at a level of 7,100. Within the sector, both general nonresidential and heavy construction reported more business, while the manufacturing of fabricated metal products reported a slowdown in business.

Service producing employment climbed 300 to a level of 43,800. The services industry produced healthy gains, with upturns in health, and miscellaneous services. Transportation, communications, and public utilities experienced the same positive growth, expanding to 2,600. Temporary summer youth being hired at the local government level, other than education, was totally responsible for the increase in government payrolls. Trade was down due to losses in eating and drinking places.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	259.3	258.3	256.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
GOODS PRODUCING	55.2	55.1	55.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	31.2	31.3	30.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	23.1	22.9	23.6	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Durable Goods	6.0	5.8	6.0	+ 0.2	0
Nondurable Goods	17.1	17.1	17.6	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.1	12.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	204.1	203.2	201.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.8	11.8	11.9	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57.2	57.1	56.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	13.3	13.3	13.4	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	9.0	9.0	9.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Retail Trade	43.9	43.8	42.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	5.8	5.7	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.7	14.7	14.7	0	0
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
SERVICES	64.6	64.1	63.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	55.8	55.5	54.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	53.4	53.1	52.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
State	27.3	28.4	27.2	- 1.1	+ 0.1
Local	26.1	24.7	25.2	+ 1.4	+ 0.9

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA's nonagricultural employment, aided by temporary or seasonal advances in the services sector, expanded 1,000 to 259,300 in June, and 2,800 over the 1993 total.

Employment in the goods producing sector rose 100 to 55,200. Construction moved downward to 31,200, while manufacturing moved upward to 23,100. Both heavy and special trade construction reported a slowdown in business. The growth in manufacturing was centered in fabricated metal products, other durable goods, and petroleum refining.

Employment in the service producing sector rose 900 to 204,100. The services industry accounted for the majority of the growth, as a result of seasonal or business upturns in personal; amusement and recreation; health; social; and membership organizations. Trade followed the same trend, rising to 57,200, due to temporary or seasonal increases in general merchandise; and apparel and accessory stores. State government declined to 27,300, responding to continued seasonal non-faculty cutbacks at state colleges and universities. Local government increased to 26,100, due to the addition of area youths entering the workforce in response to the summer hiring program.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $659.62 for June, a decrease of $19.42 from the May average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $9.74. Average weekly hours, at 43.0, decreased by 0.5 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.34 decreased by $0.27 cents an hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 282,700. This figure was comprised of 259,100 employed and 23,600 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 8.3 percent in June.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,831 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,704 referrals to current openings resulted in 196 placements during June.

HOUMA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.0	61.3	59.8	- 0.3	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	13.7	13.6	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	5.5	5.5	5.2	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.5	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.3	47.7	46.5	- 0.4	+ 0.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.3	14.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	12.3	12.4	12.0	- 0.1	+ 0.3
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.0	11.8	11.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.0	12.6	11.9	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	11.6	12.2	11.5	- 0.6	+ 0.1
State	3.0	3.6	3.0	- 0.6	0
Local	8.6	8.6	8.5	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA dropped to 61,000. This was 300 below the May revised level of 61,300, but 1,200 above June one year ago.

Goods producing employment experienced a slight gain of 100 in the construction industry. All other segments remained steady.

Service producing employment declined over the month by 400 to a level of 47,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities showed a minimal increase of 100 in the water transportation segment, while services grew by 200. A small loss of 100 in trade and a sizable decrease of 600 in government were responsible for the downturn in the service producing industry.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	137.9	138.4	135.6	- 0.5	+ 2.3
GOODS PRODUCING	34.6	34.3	33.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
MINING	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.0	6.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	16.1	16.0	15.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	5.4	5.3	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	10.7	10.7	10.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	103.3	104.1	102.0	- 0.8	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.0	8.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	35.2	35.0	34.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	27.1	26.9	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
General Merchandise	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	5.7	5.6	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.8	33.4	32.1	- 0.6	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	21.5	22.1	21.5	- 0.6	0
Federal	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
State and Local	20.2	20.8	20.2	- 0.6	0
State	5.6	6.3	5.7	- 0.7	- 0.1
Local	14.6	14.5	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA for June, 1994 was estimated at 137,900. This was a decrease of 500 jobs from the May revised estimate of 138,400.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,600, a gain of 300 from last month's estimate of 34,300. Construction rose by 200 due to more employment activity in the heavy construction and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing had a minimal increase of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 103,300, a decrease of 800 from last month's revised estimate of 104,100. Trade increased by 200 due to employment growth in eating and drinking places and the miscellaneous retail sectors. The transportation, communications, and public utilities; and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors each had an increase of 100. Services and government were both down by 600 due to seasonal layoffs at the educational institutions in the MSA.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	73.9	73.5	72.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
GOODS PRODUCING	19.3	19.4	19.3	- 0.1	0
MINING	1.3	1.4	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	6.9	6.9	6.9	0	0
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	10.9	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.4	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	- 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	54.6	54.1	53.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.4	4.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.2	16.3	16.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.9	13.0	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.2	18.3	16.8	- 0.1	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	13.3	12.5	13.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	12.7	11.9	12.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
State	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Local	9.0	8.2	8.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA rose by 400 to a level of 73,900, surpassing May's revised figure of 73,500. June's estimate is 1,300 higher than the year-ago figure of 72,600.

Goods producing employment noted little change. Mining had a small decrease of 100, while the remaining sectors showed no movement.

Service producing employment was driven upward by 500 to a level of 54,600, compared to May's level of 54,100. Small losses of 100 each were seen in transportation, communications, and public utilities; trade; and services. The hiring of summer youth in the local government segment caused total government to surge upward by 800 employees.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	62.3	63.0	61.5	- 0.7	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	11.3	11.5	11.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
MANUFACTURING	8.0	8.2	8.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.8	5.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.0	51.5	50.1	- 0.5	+ 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.3	15.3	14.9	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.0	12.1	11.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.8	2.9	2.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.5	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	16.2	16.2	16.0	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.8	12.3	11.5	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	11.3	11.8	11.0	- 0.5	+ 0.3
State	4.5	5.1	4.4	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Local	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,300 during June. This was a decrease of 700 from the May revised estimate, but 800 above June, 1993.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,300, was 200 lower than the May estimate of 11,500. Construction remained stable. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,000, was 200 below last month's estimate of 8,200 and 100 below June of last year.

Service producing, estimated at 51,000, was down 500 over-the-month, but was 900 higher than the same period a year ago. Trade; services; and finance, insurance, and real estate remained the same. Government was down 500 with the loss occurring in state government.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	572.4	573.2	570.0	- 0.8	+ 2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	87.4	87.1	87.4	+ 0.3	0
MINING	13.8	13.9	14.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.3	13.5	13.9	- 0.2	- 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	25.1	24.9	25.5	+ 0.2	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	48.5	48.3	47.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Durable Goods	23.0	22.9	22.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 0.1	0
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.1	11.6	0	+ 0.5
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.6	9.7	9.1	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	25.5	25.4	25.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	485.0	486.1	482.6	- 1.1	+ 2.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	42.8	42.7	42.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.4	8.4	8.3	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	11.5	11.6	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	12.9	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	140.7	139.8	140.7	+ 0.9	0
Wholesale Trade	33.5	33.3	33.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.6	17.5	17.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	15.9	15.8	15.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	107.2	106.5	107.7	+ 0.7	- 0.5
General Merchandise	12.4	12.2	12.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Food Stores	20.7	20.4	21.3	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	38.3	38.2	39.0	+ 0.1	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	30.2	30.0	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Banking	9.7	9.6	9.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	168.7	170.4	168.5	- 1.7	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.3	13.5	13.3	- 0.2	0
Health Services	49.1	48.8	47.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Educational Services	15.1	17.8	15.4	- 2.7	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	102.6	103.2	101.0	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Federal	17.2	17.2	17.6	0	- 0.4
State and Local	85.4	86.0	83.4	- 0.6	+ 2.0
State	23.8	24.7	22.9	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Local	61.6	61.3	60.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in June was estimated at 572,400, a level 800 below the May revised estimate, but 2,400 above June of last year.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 87,400, was 300 above May and was at the same level as June, 1993. Mining had a minimal decrease of 100 over the month. Construction was up by 200 from May with the increase centered in the special trade contractors segment. Manufacturing payrolls were higher for both the durable and nondurable goods sectors.

Service producing employment was estimated at 485,000 for June. This estimate was 1,100 lower than May, but 2,400 above June one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was up 100 over May. Trade exhibited a gain of 900 over the month, with most of the increase in the retail sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment had small increases in the finance and real estate segments. A seasonal decrease in the educational services sector was mainly responsible for the downturn of total services employment. Government was down mainly due to a seasonal decrease in state education payrolls.

An estimated 34,700 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $600.76 per week, up $21.30 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 44.9, up from 43.7 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.38, up from $13.26 in May, and $0.21 higher than June of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 48,900 in June. The unemployment rate registered 8.1 percent.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1994*	May 1994**	June 1993**	Net Change From May 1994	Net Change From June 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	159.5	158.1	154.8	+ 1.4	+ 4.7
GOODS PRODUCING	32.1	32.1	30.9	0	+ 1.2
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	8.4	8.5	8.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	20.7	20.6	18.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	14.5	14.4	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Lumber and Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.9	4.8	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.6	5.6	4.0	0	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	127.4	126.0	123.9	+ 1.4	+ 3.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.1	8.3	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	37.0	36.8	36.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	9.0	8.8	8.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	28.0	28.0	27.5	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
SERVICES	44.4	43.0	41.5	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
GOVERNMENT	31.1	31.3	30.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
State and Local	26.0	26.2	25.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Local	17.5	17.7	17.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 159,500 for June. This estimate was 1,400 higher than the May revised figure and 4,700 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 32,100, held steady for the month. Construction was down by 100, while manufacturing was up by 100 over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 127,400, was up by 1,400 from the prior month. Trade rose 200 due to job growth in the food stores and miscellaneous retail sectors. Services was up by 1,400 jobs primarily due to the second of three riverboat gambling casinos coming on line. Government dropped 200 due to seasonal layoffs in local government.

An estimated 15,700 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $590.02 in June, compared to $604.28 in May. Average weekly hours decreased to 43.9 in June, compared to 44.4 in May. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.44 in June, compared to $13.61 in May.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 180,900 included 166,300 employed and 14,600 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

ANNUAL AVERAGES

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS		URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS	
YEAR	INDEX*	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
1987	113.6	+ 3.6	112.5	+ 3.6
1988	118.3	+ 4.1	117.0	+ 4.0
1989	124.0	+ 4.8	122.6	+ 4.8
1990	130.7	+ 5.4	129.0	+ 5.2
1991	136.2	+ 4.2	134.3	+ 4.1
1992	140.3	+ 3.0	138.2	+ 2.9
1993	144.5	+ 3.0	142.1	+ 2.8

MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

		% CHANGE FROM PRIOR			% CHANGE FROM PRIOR	
1993	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]
Jan.	142.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.3	140.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Feb.	143.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.2	140.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Mar.	143.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.1	141.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Apr.	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.2	141.6	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
May	144.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.2	141.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
June	144.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.0	142.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
July	144.4	0	+ 2.8	142.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Aug.	144.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	142.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Sept.	145.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.7	142.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Oct.	145.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8	143.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Nov.	145.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	143.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Dec.	145.8	0	+ 2.7	143.3	- 0.1	+ 2.5
1994						
Jan.	146.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	143.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Feb.	146.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Mar.	147.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Apr.	147.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.4	144.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
May	147.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	144.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
June	148.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	145.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.4

TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \% \text{ change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

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